

1 65. (Amended) Apparatus for placement at an angeological bifurcation
2 of a vessel into two branched vessels comprising a first bifurcated graft member, at
3 least partially supported by a bifurcated stent member, [having two legs] defining two
4 lumens, at least one of which is configured to be disposed entirely within said vessel
5 and is adapted to mate with a second stent configured to extend into one of the two
6 branched vessels.

1 66. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 65 further comprising a
2 second stent, attached to said one [leg] lumen disposed entirely within said vessel,
3 configured to extend into one of the two branched vessels.

Please add new claim 68 as follows:

1 68. (Newly added) A bifurcated prosthesis as claimed in claim 59
2 further comprising an additional stent mated to said second distal stent portion, said
3 additional stent having a graft layer formed from a bio-compatible fabric disposed in
4 juxtaposition with it and adapted to allow blood to flow from the proximal portion into
5 the other branched vessel.

REMARKS

Response to Official Action

Claims 54, 59, and 62-66 are currently pending in this application. By a Supplemental Amendment filed April 17, 1997, Applicants added new claim 67. This Supplemental Amendment was not considered by the Examiner before issuance of the final Official Action on April 21, 1997. Applicants hereby request entry and consideration of claim 67, and issuance of another Official action, if necessary, because claim 67 was not considered in the Official Action of April 21, 1997.

In the final Official Action, claims 59, 63, and 64 are allowed. Applicants acknowledge with thanks this indication of allowability. Applicants have, however, amended claim 59 to define that the second distal stent portion of the bifurcated prosthesis is "shorter than said first distal stent portion and configured to be